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APPLICANT : Farmer

ASSIGNEE : GANEDEN BIOTECH, INC.

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/369,016

EXAMINER : D. Nikodem

FILING DATE : August 5, 1999

ART UNIT : 1633

FOR : METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS &
MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING
BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND COMPOSITIONS



June 26, 2001
Boston, Massachusetts

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed December 26, 2000, in the above-identified application. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is filed concurrently. With a three-month extension of time, this response is due on or before June 26, 2001. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due with the submission of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 19374-504; GND-4).

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 3-20, and 22-50.

Add new claims 51-60.